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Ho-Chunk Flaggers Transit grads get shot on HWY K Project

"It doesn't seem like tough work at first, but when a person has to stand on their feet for 10-12 hours a day, your body gets used to it," Chris Littlewolf said while directing traffic on HWY K just off HWY 54 leading to Hatfield. "It took me about 3-4 days to get feet and legs in shape."

Chris Littlewolf, Henry Moustache, and Darren Link have been working this site, flagging for Haas Sons for nearly eight weeks. They all said they were pretty surprised to get a job near home. Their pay is pretty good too.



Special Meeting to address four year degree requirement

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On April 30, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature called a Special Meeting to hold discussion of the Special Election Board Appointment in the Legislative Conference Room of the Tribal Executive Office Building. The Secretarial Election will include the Resolution to rescind the four year degree requirement Amendment from 2009.

There appears to be miscommunication between the Regional BIA Office, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, Office of the President, and the General Council Agency. The General Council Agency was working with the BIA to move things forward to set a Secretarial Election date. "The Regional BIA Office sent an official letter, via FedEx, from its Ashland, Wisconsin office to the General Council Agency," said GCA Chair, Marvin Decorah. There was also a package sent to the Legislature, who then turned it over

to the Office of the President. President Greendeer said, "There was a FedEx package not logged in, but received by the Office of the President from the BIA Office regarding the Secretarial Election. I had six Legislators in my office; there was confusion on the scope of delegation of authority."

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) outlines the process of requesting an election, requirements for the election, and how the Amendments become official. The CFR defines tribal government as that entity established pursuant to a tribal constitution as empowered to speak for the tribe or in the absence thereof of any group or individual that is recognized by the tribal members as empowered to speak for the tribe. The CFR defines secretarial election as an election held within a tribe pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary as authorized by Federal Statute (as distinguished from tribal elections which are conducted under tribal authority).

The CFR also reads: As much as possible, Secretarial elections shall be scheduled so as to avoid their being held at the same time as tribal elections in order to avoid the confusion that results from different requirements for each kind of election.

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation reads: The General Council retains the power to call a Special Election. Secretarial Election shall be the duty of the Secretary of Interior to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds of the entire Legislature, at the request of General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-



Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature holds special meeting on April 30, to address Secretarial Election Board to rescind the four year degree requirement.

Chunk Nation.

Tribal member, Richard Mann, who introduced the Resolution to rescind the four year degree requirement as members of Legislature, was present at the Special Meeting. Mann said, "You guys (the General Council Agency) are trying to intimidate the Legislature, and going to the BIA for your back up." Rosette Hunt, General Council Agency Representative said, "The GCA has the right to do this. We have been working on establishing a MOU between the Legislature and the GCA. We would need congressional approval to bypass the BIA in holding a Secretarial Election."

The end result of the Special Meeting of the Legislature was a Resolution forming a Federal Election Board, made by District 1 Representative Susan Weber and seconded by Vice President Greg Blackdeer, consisting of the members of the General Council Agency, Legislature, and the Election

Board.

The General Council Agency has been requesting the Secretarial Election for several resolutions that were passed at last year's General Council Meeting. Coincidentally, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature requested a Secretarial Election to rescind the four year degree requirement for its members. The Secretarial Election requests are being combined, which will save money.

Decorah continued, "The Federal Election Board will meet with the BIA in Ashland on May 23 to decide when and how the election will be held. Whether we'll have a paper ballot or voting machines, and a timeline will be set. If the timeline is not met, the election becomes null."

The Federal Election Board members are: Marvin Decorah, Muriel WhiteEagle-Lee, Melanie Stacy, Patrick Red Eagle, Judy Whitehorse, and Melissa Olivera.



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Letter to the Editor

Your vote is your voice

This year provides us many opportunities to shape our government at the local, state and federal levels. As citizens of the Ho-Chunk Nation, we are also able to vote for the people who will interact with our tribal government, with our President and with our Legislature.

Over the past 12 months, we have seen our rights as Native people threatened at every turn and at every level by Republicans. Here in Wisconsin, State Sen. Scott Fitzgerald, at the behest of Gov. Scott Walker, attempted to ram through a bill that would allow one mining

company to circumvent the treaty rights of the Bad River and Red Cliff Ojibwe, destroying the sacred and ancient wild rice beds in the Kakagon Sloughs. Republican State Sen. Jeff Stone famously brought his knowledge (or lack thereof) on tribal treaty rights to the hearing room by saying, "I don't think our job is to provide a seat at the table for the tribes who want to be treated as a sovereign in negotiations."

On the federal level, Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson refuses to vote in support of the Violence Against Women Act saying,

"One of the problematic provisions of the committee bill would give tribal courts authority to arrest, try and imprison any American." What she fails to mention is that "any American" would be one who committed an act of violence against a female tribal member.

We, as Ho-Chunk people, have the right to exercise our own sovereignty. We can elect those to non-tribal offices who understand what our sovereignty means. We can elect those who will understand and respect that our treaties are the law of the land. We can elect those who

will respectfully approach our elected officials and work with them as colleagues, rather than treat them as a mere afterthought.

Let's take this opportunity to vote in this recall election for a candidate who will not only recognize our inherent rights as sovereign nations, but treat us with the same respect they treat officials from other branches and levels of government.

Make sure you are registered to vote. You can check to see if you are registered, or find out where you vote by checking out the Wisconsin Voter Public

Access website at: www.vpa.wi.gov.

At the June 5 Recall Election, you will NOT be required to show a form of photo ID.

Your vote is your voice. Your vote is your sovereignty. Exercise your sovereignty by voting.

Please join me in supporting Tom Barrett and Mahlon Mitchell in the Recall Election on June 5th.

Pinagigi,
Arvina Martin

American Indian Outreach
Coordinator, Democratic
Party of Wisconsin

Letter to the Editor

Reedsburg High School student thought

Hello, my name is Shane Funnaker. I wrote this editorial for a writing class I am taking. We had the option to send it to the local paper but I wanted to write to the Worak about keeping our heritage alive.

As a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, I want to keep our heritage alive and our identity as a people. The Nation has as much of a language department to keep the current speakers knowledgeable. Yet language department is not moving fast

enough to keep the language away from becoming extinct. This needs to change; more attention needs to be paid to the language and heritage rather than creating more gaming venues.

The attention being paid to a new casino could just as well be improving the language department for the generations to come. There are 6 to 7,000 members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and 4 percent of those members are fluent in the language. The members that are fluent are

mostly elders, but when those persons pass on, where will the people that are willing to learn the language learn it from?

If we lose our language what will connect us to our last names, to our heritage? Would we be a Nation that dies away, only able to say that our great-great-grandfather was a great Ho-Chunk Chief? This is currently what I think is going to happen to the People of the Big Voice, if the Nation doesn't change how they are

doing things right now.

Heritage is one of the biggest assets a Nation could have; casinos mean nothing when there is just a bunch of dark people with no connected culture running them. Maintaining the heritage is such a crucial part of a Nation being a Nation, no matter what your beliefs are in Native American Church or Traditional beliefs. Both connect through our history and that is who we are.

What ever the Nation decides to do, it needs

to improve the language

department greatly. It needs to create a language department per every Ho-Chunk community, which would be accessible to persons that can't make it to Black River Falls for classes. Therefore, this would create more opportunities to help people learn their language, and keep our heritage alive. What the Nation needs is a big push to keep the identity as the People of the Big Voice, strong and alive.

White Eagle Honored for 21 years of Head Start Service

Forrest Funnaker
Staff Writer

The Puzuki Pe'I Cinak Head Start parent committee honored Gina White Eagle for her 21 years of dedicated service as a Head Start Teacher. Matthew Mann wanted it known that her service has meant a lot to the parent committee and they wanted to show her their appreciation. During the end of Puzuki Pe'I's regular graduation for Head Start children, a representative from the parent committee and HCN Education Department delivered sentiments about Gina's service to the community.

"Many of the kids Gina started out with 21 years ago now have students with Gina," Mann said before assisting with singing an honor song for her. "It's pretty amazing to see that kind of dedication during these times."

Gina was pretty surprised by the whole event. She received a Pendleton blanket and a bag of cards and gifts. She took it in stride saying, "My nani, Vaughn, showed me the satisfaction one gets from working with kids. Ever since she worked in Head Start, I found a love for it too."



Honor song for Gina White Eagle shows her students still following her today.

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Jalesa Stampley, Petitioner, v. Zachary C. Bryant, Respondent.
Case : CS 12-30

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Zachary C. Bryant

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer to the opposing party* listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.

With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel there efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements!

Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 22nd, for the June 29th edition of the Hocak Worak.



Pertussis advisory

Submitted by Pam Thunder
- Tribal Sanitarian

There have been confirmed cases of whooping cough (Pertussis) in Jackson County and in several surrounding counties. It is unknown at this time why we are seeing a rise in Pertussis. Parents, guardians and childcare providers should be aware of signs and symptoms of Pertussis. (see below) If your child has symptoms or develops symptoms, testing is recommended. Five days of antibiotic treatment is the preferred means of treatment for both confirmed cases and those who have been in very close contact with a positive case.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis is a contagious bacterial disease that affects the respiratory tract.

Who gets pertussis?

Pertussis can infect persons of all ages, but is most serious in infants and young children.

What are the signs and symptoms?

In infants and young children, the disease begins much like a cold with a runny nose, possible low grade fever and a mild but irritating cough for 1-2 weeks. The illness progresses to spells of explosive coughing that can interrupt breathing, eating and sleeping and is commonly followed by vomiting and exhaustion. Following the cough, the patients may make a loud crowing or "whooping" sound as they struggle to inhale air (hence the common name "whooping cough"). The severe coughing spells can last for several weeks to two months or longer. In older children, adolescents and adults the symptoms are usually milder and without the typical whoop.

How is pertussis spread?

The bacteria are spread by contact with the respiratory droplets from an infected person through coughing. Exposure usually occurs after repeated indoor face-to-face contact. Household spread is common.

How is pertussis diagnosed?

Confirmation is by

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) assay or by laboratory culture of a nasal swab specimen obtained during the early stage of illness. PCR is the test of choice for laboratory diagnosis of pertussis.

How can pertussis be prevented?

Routine immunization of infants and children with acellular Pertussis (DTaP) vaccine is recommended at 2, 4, 6 and 15-18 months of age with a booster dose at 4-6 years of age. It is given in a combination with Diphtheria and Tetanus vaccines called DTaP. The effectiveness of the vaccine in children who have received at least 3 doses is estimated to be 80%; and protection is even greater against severe disease. Protection will begin to diminish after about 3 years. Persons who experience pertussis after immunization usually have a milder case. DTaP vaccine is currently recommended for children 2 months through 6 years of age. A safe and effective acellular pertussis vaccine for adolescents and adults was licensed in 2005. Called Tdap, the vaccine is routinely recommended as a one time booster for children 11-12 years of age. It is also recommended as one time booster for adults.

What actions should I take?

If your child is symptomatic, he/she should be tested for pertussis by your family's health care provider and must begin antibiotic treatment before returning to school.

Students who are symptomatic and who have had close contact with a case of pertussis will be excluded from school until they have completed 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy.

It's important to keep your children's immunizations, including pertussis, current.

If you have any question, please call your physician or the Jackson county Health Department at 715-284-4301 ext. 375

Come have a blast with family & friends! It's time for the 13th Annual Canoe Trip!

Friday, June 22, 2012

Wildcat Mountain State Park - Lower Park

Highway 33, Ontario, WI



The Fitness Initiative Committee of the Ho-Chunk Division of Health invites you to join us for another great canoe outing. We will be canoeing in a section of the beautiful Kickapoo River. We invite those who participated last year as well as newcomers to this wonderful event. This will be about a 3 hour trip. The agenda is as follows:

- * Check in at 10:30 am sharp. Check in will be held at Wildcat Mountain State Park - Lower Park. **NO FURTHER CHECK-IN WILL BE ACCEPTED ONCE THE CANOE SHUTTLE BUSES (THAT TAKE US FROM THE PARK TO THE CANOE LANDING) HAVE LEFT.**
- * No more than 3 people in a canoe (2 adult, 1 child max, 450 lbs is the recommended weight limit).
- * 10:30-11:00 - Check in
- * 11:00-11:15 - Welcome & then board shuttles to canoe landing.
- * At least (1) adult per canoe. Parents must provide own child's life preserver for children under 4.
- * Snacks will be offered for canoe trip and meal served after the event

You must pre-register for this event. A \$10.00 deposit per canoe must be sent with your registration to Chris Frederick by June 8th. This will be returned to you AT THE EVENT. If you do not attend the event, your deposit will be forfeited.

This event is sponsored by the Special Diabetes Grant for Indians

-----Cut on line-----

Canoe Registration
Name _____ # in group _____ # of canoes _____
Address _____ Ages _____
Phone # _____

\$10.00 Deposit: _____ (checks payable to Chris Frederick)

Registration slip with deposit must be received by June 8, 2012 and sent to Chris Frederick at the House of Wellness, 52845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913. Once the deposit is received you will be sent a letter of confirmation, a map and further details for this event. Any questions, please call Chris @ 608-355-1240 or 888-560-4616, ext 5611.

A Night of Remembrance

Join us in honoring Survivors of Cancer and
in the remembrance of those that have gone on.

Friday, May 25, 2012

Powwow Grounds

Black River Falls

5 pm ~ Meal

4pm-6pm ~ Luminary Sales

6pm-7pm ~ Drum-Program

7pm-10pm ~ Walk & DJ

Contact Linda DeLay @ 715-284-9851 Ext. 5329 to register individually or your team.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Cancer Task Force is not responsible for accidents and all children under 12 years of age attending this event need to be supervised by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation.

This event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Native American Tobacco Network

Correction: In the previous issue regarding the March 28th Vietnam Veterans Thank You, Sandra Winneshiek was listed as a veteran of the US Army; she is a proud veteran of the US Air Force

Correction: Jonathan Whitebear also co-sponsored the men's traditional special, as Head Dancer, at the LaCrosse Three Rivers powwow.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 25th which will be published on June 1st. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Ho-Chunk Language Baseball Game

Wisconsin Dells and Housing dominate

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Three high school Ho-Chunk language teams from Black River Falls, Tomah and Wisconsin Dells were invited to the Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Building to play in this year's annual Ho-chunk language baseball game. It marked the fourth year of the challenge, which originally began as a friendly game between the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

This year was no different except the Winnebago Tribe couldn't make it. So the Language Division decided to go forth with the series to see who could hit 'e the best Hocak at the high school level. This year also unveiled a new category at the adult level for this year's competition. The two adult teams were from the Legislature and Department of Housing. Each team also had advisors from either the apprentice program or a certified fluent speaker.

Essentially the rules put two teams against each other for five innings. The rules were as follows: Each team must answer questions about words or sentences that can

be translated English to Ho-Chunk or Ho-Chunk to English. Each batter must roll a die to find what type of question he or she will answer. There were also four different types of questions to answer depending on the degree of difficulty; single, double, triple or home run. If they didn't answer correctly, they were called out by the fluent speaker judge, and each team were allowed only three outs.

Captain Amber Fernandez and her crew of three from Wisconsin Dells called the "Good Guys" looked like they had no chance to win this year's event due to sheer numbers alone. Amber kept laughing nervously as the teams came together at the beginning. Black River Falls "Poo Bears" went against Tomah Šukjak Pack in the first game and lost. The Poo Bears then went against Wisconsin Dells Good Guys and lost again. Tomah Šukjak Pack looked to be the favorite at this point. However in a series of mishaps, Wisconsin Dells got on a roll and were able to defeat Tomah to capture their first HCN High School Language Championship.

It proved that knowledge is greater than having numbers. It was a sneak attack in the greatest sense. The two other teams from Black River Falls and Tomah had impressive crews, but in the end, the three musketeers of language pulled off a championship 5-3 win for the ages. Amber can now laugh the "brush your shoulders off" laugh.

The next day the two adult teams came in looking pretty mean. They must have been licking their chops at a chance to be the best. The game ended with the Housing Department hoisting the title with 13-10 win over Legislature. Legislature mounted a huge comeback in the late innings only to have their hopes dashed away with the last out. Now the Housing Department will carry the imaginary belts over their shoulders and discount double click whenever they see Legislature. In the words of Highlander, "There can only be one!" Susan Weber, Legislator Area 1, threw down the gauntlet and asked for these events to be held every quarter.

Each team had nearly a month and half to prepare for the competition. If

more Departments or High Schools are interested, they can contact the Ho-Chunk Language Division for

materials on the past games and ask to sign up for the next Ho-Chunk Nation Language Baseball Game.



Wisconsin Dells Good Guys – 1st Place High School Winners.



Department of Housing – 1st Place Adult Champs.



Black River Falls Poo Bears showing strength.



Legislative Team tries to comeback in the late innings with a huddle.



Tomah Šukjak Pack warming up for second match.

Eunice Greengrass celebrates her 90th birthday

Marlon WhiteEagle, Staff Writer

On April 29, 2012, family, friends, and relatives gathered at the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 Building to share the afternoon and a birthday meal with Eunice Greengrass who turned 90 years old. Her son, and the family event spokesman, Donald Greengrass Sr. said, "A lot of people brought food items to make the meal happen; Her birthday was on the twenty-third, but this day worked out the best to get together and celebrate."

Donald asked family friend, Alvane King, to say a prayer for the birthday meal. Once the prayer was said, Donald asked his mom, "You want to eat first?" She replied, "No, let everyone else eat first." So her grandchildren and great grandchildren got to eat before her.

The family prepared a tri-board display with photos from her past, surrounded with all of her birthday gifts and cards. As family members, and all those present waited in line to get their food, Eunice walked over to the display board and visited with them. They talked and laughed about the locations, years, and events that were captured in the photos.

As the afternoon progressed, different relatives wished Eunice a happy birthday, shared some good

memories, and took a lot of photos on this occasion. After the meal was complete, it was time to light the candles and sing Happy Birthday. When the candles were lit and the singing began, Eunice was surrounded by her family. Several of her great grandchildren stood by her side, and one almost blew out her candles. At 90, Eunice blew out her birthday candles with ease. Someone said, "It was easy because you only have two; a nine and a zero (number shaped candles)."

Eunice is one of few Ho-Chunk tribal members to reach 90 years old. She is the daughter of Frank and Angeline White. Her dad was from the Wisconsin Rapids area. She had an older brother and sister, and a younger brother. She said, "They passed away before they were born."

Eunice has lived in the Black River Falls area for fifty-five years. She gave birth to eight children. "In order, its Dewey, Deb, Carmela, Wayne, Barb, myself, Carla, and Alvin," said Donald.

During her childhood, she lived in Neopit, WI. Greengrass said, "I went to boarding school. I went to catholic school; St. Josephs. I stayed all week and my mom would come pick me up on the weekends. It was fun. I learned

things." Reminiscing her adolescent years, she continued and said, "I was a sickly kid. From about nine to my teenage years, I was underweight. I had to drink milk. They sent me to the dining hall to drink milk. It didn't help, but I went to satisfy them."

Greengrass said, "I had piano lessons, played basketball, ran, and danced. I learned to waltz, but Indian danced as well." Her fondest memories are of playing basketball. She said, "We used to travel. I played forward on a Menominee team."

Eunice also remembers one of her first jobs was working as a store clerk in Neopit. She said, "Oh, boy! I can't remember everything. I worked in Sparta. I worked at the Head start. When I was eighteen or twenty, I worked in the (Wisconsin) Dells as a waitress. I worked at the last restaurant on Main Street before you leave town, on the corner." As I was sitting and listening, Donald chimed in and mentioned that she also used to work at the TAU (Tribal Aging Unit), as a cook.

Nowadays, Eunice enjoys going to play bingo and machines in the casino. She said, "That's about it. I go down to the casino in the Dells sometimes." Donald said, "She's lived a long life. Today, she mostly spends her



Eunice making her birthday wish while family and friends sing Happy Birthday.

time at home watching T.V." Donald encourages friends and family, "She still likes to visit. Stop by to say hi and visit her for a while."

When asked how she feels now that she turned ninety, Eunice said, "I don't feel much different. I can't believe I reached it." Her advice to young people; she said, "I could tell the young ones a lot of things. Don't drink alcohol. Don't do drugs. I never did."

UW-Platteville player, Tim Decorah inducted to Hall of Fame

Submitted by Danny Kamel, UW-Platteville Sports Information Director

The 1990-91 University of Wisconsin-Platteville men's basketball team, which was the first Pioneer team to win an NCAA Division III national championship, was the first squad to be inducted in its entirety into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame on Sunday.

One of the team members

is Tim Decorah, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Pioneers were 28-3 during the season and averaged a school-record 97.4 points per game. In the national playoffs, Coach Bo Ryan's team dispatched of Ripon 96-77, Christopher Newport 110-50 and Illinois Benedictine 101-65 to reach the Final Four. After beating Otterbein 96-94, the Pioneers topped Franklin & Marshall



Present day group shot and each member was presented a medallion to recognize their accomplishment that was made and produced on the UW-Platteville campus.



Tim Decorah after being recognized for his accomplishments from his playing days at UW-Platteville.

Photo Courtesy provided by Andy McNeill/UW-Platteville Information and Communications Department

81-74 to claim the national championship.

Previously, Ryan and players Rob Jeter '91, Shawn Frison '92 and T.J. Van Wie '93 were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame individually.

The members of the 1990-91 team were:

Coaches: Bo Ryan, Dan Bureson, Todd Kuckkahn, Todd Landrum, Jon Nedelcoff, Robert Petrowitz, Gregory Quam

Players: Delano Brazil, Timothy Decorah, Shawn Frison, Brian Gilmore, Rob Jeter, Carlton Jeter, Michael Jones, Raymond (Pete)

Lupori, Mark Macomber, William Morgan, Patrick Murphy, Timothy O'Connell, Ernie Peavy, Andrew Perdue, Sean Poole, Robert Schipper, T.J. Van Wie, Brian Zetting

Managers: Bruce Birdsell, Thomas Demmin, Dennis Fry

RADD pay dividends to runners

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

A person never knows how much he or she can affect another person by a single act. Heather Hillmer is just one such student. Hillmer



Hillmer in Rutgers University gear says, "Don't punk out."

is a product of the Runners Against Drunk Driving (RADD) program managed by Lani Blackdeer and Erwin Begay. What makes Hillmer special is what she learned from running long distances.

While passing through the TOB atrium on April 30, old man Garvin, aka Larry or BOSS, stopped for a brief moment and had a conversation with Hillmer's mother, Judy Whitehorse. Judy made mention that, "Heather's success is a direct result of her RADD Runners marathon training for competition in which Coach Begay instilled her motivation to become successful." In May of this year, Hillmer will be graduating from Rutgers University in New Jersey and will go on to graduate studies

in Florida this fall.

Hillmer toasts RADD for giving her the drive to finish school. It's rare to have a RADD jacket with multiple marathon run patches on it. Lani said, "It's a great program for kids to learn culture, history and education." She also said, "The incentive of Hawaii and the marathon make it special for all the hard work involved. Overall, Heather has ran the marathon eight times."

Lani looks up from a chart she keeps on each runner in her desk. She runs her finger along another row and states, "25 percent of all the students who have been with RADD are now in college; 10 percent are in the military. Everyone who has started the marathon has finished the marathon."

Heather has really benefitted from this program. We knew she could do it."

Hillmer respectfully thanks Lani Blackdeer and Erwin Begay for the lessons she learned while in RADD. They taught her how to think. She knows self discipline, how to set goals, how to achieve them, and how to celebrate her successes.

"Erwin just knows how to get these kids to finish marathons," Lani added. "He's broken down the word Ho-Chunk to mean: honesty, obedience, caring, helpful, negotiate and knowledge as values to think about and understand."

Congratulations to all past, present and future RADD runners. To date, 40 percent of the RADD participants



Queen of the marathons.

remain physically active and have run more than one marathon.

Boisen gets appointed to BRF School Board

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Tina Boisen was recently appointed to the Black River Falls School Board. A feat that hasn't been matched since Barbara McKenzie served from 2003-2006. She won the necessary four votes needed to secure the position of Board Member. She takes over for Lois Corey who decided to resign midway through her term. This gives the Nation a better voice on

a School Board with a high American Indian/Ho-Chunk school population.

Boisen said she was excited about the appointment, but understands she will only be on the School Board for a year. She will then have to campaign to get elected again. For now, she wants parents in the area to know she will be looking out for their best interests.



Boisen excited BRF School Board appointment.

Dodge Ball Night



Date: Thursday, June 14, 2012

Time: 6:00 pm

District One Community Center

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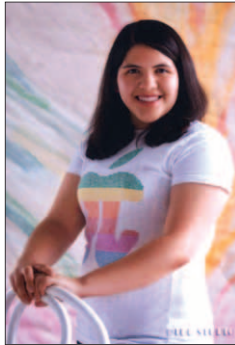
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A scholastic mountain high

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Krista Greengrass, a senior attending Logan High School in LaCrosse, WI has reached a pinnacle that few students are able to sustain throughout their high school careers. Krista's cumulative grade point average stands at 3.98 out of 4.00 scale. She is now being rewarded for her dedication and hard work.

On April 18, Greengrass was recognized by the LaCrosse Area Chamber of



Krista Greengrass High School Grad picture 2012.

Commerce Business and Student Education Committee at the 52nd Annual Honor Student Banquet, as a "Distinguished Student" for being in the top five percent of her Senior Class out of 258 students.

Krista's parents, Donald and Cindy Greengrass, are more than ecstatic. Proud father, Donald recounted "his baby's" magnificent school career and said, "I think she has only received one 'B' in four years." He also said, "Krista has always been a hard working student. She was pretty quiet when she was little though; then she just took off from there." Greengrass further mentioned, "We hope she goes on to become a doctor."

Not only was Krista honored as a distinguished student, but she was also awarded an \$800 scholarship from the Logan Parent Organization. Just when she thought that was it, one week later she received another letter stating she had won the John "Boots" Halseth Scholarship for 2012 from her Principal Scott Mihalovic in the amount of \$1,000. She was very

excited and surprised that she received that much funding in scholarships.

A few of Krista's academic accomplishments have been receiving an academic letter in her ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade years, and she's an AP scholar in French where she has received a gold and silver medal. She has also been involved with the French Club and the Teen Advisory Council.

As her senior year comes to an end and she makes her



2011-2012 Logan High School Chemistry student of the year award.



Krista holding one of her many scholastic awards.

way to college, Krista would like to major in microbiology to help look for a cure for cancer. Science has been a special part in Krista's life thus far. A few years back, she had a teacher that had an impact on her life and passed away due to cancer. Her brother talked a lot of him and how good of a teacher he was so that's when she took his class; shortly after that he quit teaching and passed on.

Donald Greengrass was asked if his daughter would

take her talents to one of the Ivy League Universities in the East and he smiled, "Can you believe she just wants to stay in La Crosse? We had everybody talk with her about her decision and she would respectfully listen, but said she still wanted to attend the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse."

Congratulations from the Hocak Worak and we wish you the best in your future Krista.

And the winners are...

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

The 2012 Wisconsin Indian Education Association annual conference was capped off with the Student of the Year Awards. These awards go to the best all around students who represent American Indian students from across the State of Wisconsin.

WIEA has given these awards almost every year for the past 26 years. In 1986, Ericka Cloud (Executive Director of Personnel) won the inaugural K-6 category. Since then a wide variety of Ho-chungra have won awards in each of the different categories that now range from pre K-3rd, 4th-7th, 8th-10th, 11th-12th, 2yr Vocational/ Technical College, 4 yr Undergraduate Program and Graduate Program. Our strong education tradition continues with more accolades for HCN students.

According to Woody White,



Rebekah Stout

WIEA Board member, he wanted to make sure people knew the exploits of our young people. The Ho-Chunk Nation had two...er...three winners who attended the awards ceremony and two honorable mentions in closely contested categories.

Student of the Year (4th-7th Grade) Rebekah Stout

is a selfless 6th grader. She shows respect to anyone she meets. Youth Service worker Elizabeth Digby-Britton nominated Rebekah, emphasizing, "Rebekah goes out of her way to make sure to care for others. She plans to be a doctor when she grows up." She attends Longfellow Middle School in La Crosse, WI. Her family participates in wakshik wosga. She loves softball, volleyball and basketball. She is a part of the HCN Youth Council Government. Her accomplishments also include acting in theater productions at Viterbo University and the HCN. She also dedicates time to tutoring younger students at the Nitanihocira eja.

Students of the Year (8th-10th Grade) Izaak and Cyrus Ortiz (Autumn White -Nani) were the first twins to win the award. Both of their names go on the plaque. Izaak and Cyrus have excelled in many ways. Their wrestling and track coach said, "they're the hardest working students I have seen in 16 years. Most of all," he explains, "they never complain. They get the job done!" The greatest statement they made is how much respect they show for their nani, Autumn White. She said she is so proud of them and hopes they get everything they want in life. "They deserve it," she said.

Honorable Mention letters were sent to two other Ho-Chunk students for their efforts as well. Honorable Mention (Pre K-3rd) Jalen Funmaker (Conimani) read over 100 books in grade two. Becky Young Meyer



Izaak and Cyrus Ortiz



Jalen Funmaker

nominated Jalen based on the respect he shows to his teachers and other students. He does excellent work and has "good class participation. His grades are exceptional and a reflection of the good habits," she continues, "he excels in all levels and surpasses his reading goal each quarter." He is way ahead of accelerated reading (AR) mark. His teacher, Mrs. Moretti said, "He constantly challenges himself to do the best that he can with every project."



Ciara Johnson

Honorable Mention (4th-7th) Ciara Johnson (Wiigusare) excelled in all areas of school life. She is very interested in Ho-Chunk language. She has a 3.89 grade point average. She likes to figure skate, run cross country, play volleyball, run track and field. Whew...and that's just in one day. She also does a lot of volunteering for the food pantry. "This lady will do great things in the future, not only for herself, but for her people as well," wrote nominator Arielle Hall.

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Whose Land? The fight for Tribal Sovereignty and Stewardship in Wisconsin

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On May 3, University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Humanities hosted a panel discussion on tribal sovereignty and stewardship in Wisconsin as part of its Humanities NOW Series. The event featured notable UW faculty members: Richard Monette-UW Law School, Larry Nesper-Department of Anthropology, Rand Valentine-Department of Linguistics, and Patty Loew-Department of Life Science Communications. The panel was moderated by Gene Purcell, Executive Director of Wisconsin Educational Communications Board and former Wisconsin Public Radio broadcaster/host.

The panelists were introduced by Purcell who opened discussion by saying, "When is land just land? He also spoke about his history with covering tribal sovereignty. He remembers the peak of the spear fishing issue of 1983, where the Lac Court Oreilles Band of Chippewa went to court to have treaty rights upheld against Lester Voight. The Voight Decision spawned Act 31; which requires Wisconsin school districts to develop curriculum about Wisconsin tribes' history, culture, and

treaty rights. Purcell said, "Issues of tribal sovereignty died down but didn't go away. Where does tribal sovereignty start? It pre-dates Columbus. The U.S. Supreme Court moved away from that thinking. How did treaties come about? Wisconsin had 70 treaties from 1804 to 1854. These were between the states and tribes, not the federal government. It's important how the media covers issues."

Richard Monette began the panelist perspectives. He said, "This issue is not all about the law." He questioned the legitimacy of the Constitution when it comes to native people and representation. "It's about norms and values. There are inherent rights and given rights. Early in U.S. history, the question was asked if natives are humans; are they worthy to be respected. That question was never answered, and the laws mirror that. Treaties were used to legitimize states (powers) and entered into in good faith," said Monette. The question of who would deal with the tribes is also unanswered. Monette continued with, "The treaties were rights granted from the natives to non-natives, not rights granted to natives. If anything, treaties took rights away from



Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature with the UW Madison professors who served as panelists on tribal sovereignty: (front) Richard Monette, Susan Weber, Patty Lowe (back) Robert Two Bears, Larry Nesper, Rand Valentine.

natives."

Nesper said, "Tribes are seen as domestic dependent nations. Tribal sovereignty is not about preservation of rights, but natives retain rights. Wisconsin ignored these rights, until the Voight Decision came down. Another example is when the DNR sits with the tribes when changes are made. The federal government has a

role to protect tribes from states. Wisconsin's new wolf hunt steps over the rights of the tribes. Treaties put governments in dialogue with tribes. States need to recognize tribal sovereignty." Nesper used a story of water pollution, where non tribal people were polluting the water, but the water flowed through to tribal lands/ reservation. The state has to understand that protecting the clean water is their duty to tribal sovereignty. Nesper said, "That's the force and power of tribal sovereignty. It's a political fact."

Rand Valentine dug into the language and interpretation of treaties. He said, "How could a treaty be understood by non-English speaking people who signed them. Treaties were written very formally. No treaties were translated in native languages. There's also a legal process of interpreting treaties." Valentine looked at a treaty with the Chippewa Indians in Michigan where a segment about land use included the words "until land is used for settlement." Valentine contends that it doesn't define the word settlement. Who is doing the settling? In a somewhat positive light, Valentine said, "treaties were intended to be liberally construed to favor Indians, or as Indian understood the meaning. Treaties were not to be legally extinguished over time."

Patty Loew, an enrolled member of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe, shared cultural stories of the Ojibwe to illustrate the need to protect tribal sovereignty and land. An Ojibwe story talked about seven spots the tribe would visit on their journey to their homeland. Loew said, "My people would know they were home when they found food that grows on the water, wild rice. That is our covenant with the creator. The Dakota Wars were fought to protect the rice. The Crandon Mining issue was about the rice."

Hunting and fishing conflicts were portrayed as poaching incidents, not treaty right issues. Loew concluded by saying, "Our casino is not on the lake front. There is no shoreline development in Bad River. Our history is our evidence. State and Federal government should adopt our ways. Mainstream society needs to respect our beliefs." Loew works with youth on northern Wisconsin reservation to continue the practice of land stewardship, as well as creating digital storytellers.

After each panelist presented, Purcell opened up a question and answer period by asking if tribal sovereignty was at a turning point or is it still business as usual. Some of the questions were about pursuing more sovereignty, weighing in on the wolf hunt, education of tribal sovereignty, and political activism. Wilfrid Cleveland, former Ho-Chunk Nation President, was one of the tribal members present and added to the dialogue. He said, "Sovereignty is about respect. If what we did was respected, they wouldn't be in the mess they are in." Cleveland talked about knowledge of the earth to avoid natural disasters and drilling for oil affect on the land.

Robert Two Bears, District V Representative, was also on hand to hear the panel discussion. Two Bears said, "It was nice to get a scholar perspective on the issue of tribal sovereignty. They had an attorney, an anthropologist, a linguist, and journalist; I would have liked to see a tribal government official on the panel. They presented recent and past rulings, but didn't provide solutions. Treaties were results of war/ conflicts; that was not touched on. I would have liked to see examples of reciprocity between governments and self governance."

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Paul Rodriguez at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

On May 5, aka Cinco de Mayo, comedian Paul Rodriguez performed his stand-up comedy at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. Also performing with Rodriguez was Retha Jones. Both have twenty plus years of stand-up comedy experience, as well as numerous television, stage, and film credits.

Jones warmed up the sold out crowd for Rodriguez with her well crafted comedy. Jones recently turned fifty years old and capitalized on the years of experience with bits about growing old, being skinny, and not having kids. One thing many can relate to, Jones said, "When I was younger I could take a dump on schedule. Now, if I get the urge, I have a one minute window or I can't go for the rest of the week." A former model, Jones said, "I joined a gym and recently lost about thirty-eight pounds. I wanted to gain weight so I would get hips. In school, when they told us to put our

Ho-Chunk show), and stay by her. I said, Mom, I wasn't here when dad left, so this time I'm going to be here. But mom said, I'm going to see him (your dad) and I'll straighten things out with him (about you not being there for his funeral). You go do your shows!"

With the blessing from his mother, Rodriguez let the show go on. This was Rodriguez's third visit to Ho-Chunk and joked about Ho-Chunk, saying he was among the chunky people. One joke vividly comes to mind, he said, "Man, Christopher Columbus was an Italian on a ship with nothing but Spanish people. White people from Europe thought the world was flat. The Indians, with all their knowledge, knew the earth was round. They looked up in the sky; the moon is round, and the stars are round." With a smoking gesture, he says, "The earth must be round too. Columbus went to Spain and got ships and his crew from the queen. So they set sail for the new world. After days

communication, and transportation purposes. Rodriguez said, "I met with the Mexican President, and he asked me, 'How could you leave such a beautiful area?' I said, 'Because we need to eat, we had no jobs, and no food in the area.' Today, it is a hub for all the drug cartels. My ancestors were known for running down deer; they hunted them by running after them until they were tired and couldn't run anymore."

Rodriguez was drafted and joined the U.S. Air Force, where he eventually found his niche in comedy. He said, "I was stationed in Duluth, Minnesota. At an Air Force dinner, my commanding officer said, 'Rodriguez, get up to the mic and make them laugh. You are always making people laugh.'" He got up and made fun of the higher-ups. He said, "Everyone was laughing, but they (at the butt of the jokes) didn't like it. After that, I was sent to Iceland." Rodriguez believes being drafted was an unfortunate event, but ultimately led him to where he was supposed to be. He even ran into some of his former commanding officers when he was invited to the White House to eat with the President.

Rodriguez spoke about his son, Paul Rodriguez III, aka P-Rod, who is a professional skateboarder and actor. He said, "I didn't push him towards anything. I just told him to do something he was passionate about; something he loved doing. I wasn't too thrilled when he wanted to be a pro skater, but I saw he was passionate about it. Today, he's won everything there is to win in the skate world and he is the first Mexican to have a signature Nike shoe." Like any proud father, he said, "He's done everything he set his mind to do."

Rodriguez has a long history of working with Indian Casinos. He said, "I'm always in the position of being the first Latino to do a lot of things. Fellow comedian, Charlie Hill, came to me and asked me to go out to Palm Springs. It was in 1985, the NIGA conference was being held out there. I remember driving out to Palm Springs and seeing the billboard, Welcome N-I-G-A. I joked and said how you could pronounce it. Today, with all the Indian Casinos, I can just go to Arizona and New Mexico and be busy for six months."

Rodriguez has an upcoming HBO Special, titled Just for the Record, where he documents many of his "firsts" as a Latino comedian that illustrates his experiences that he's excited about. When asked about his favorite comedian, Rodriguez said, "I was fortunate enough to work with and know my favorites. I was Richard Pryor's driver. I lived with Jim Carrey in an apartment above the Comedy Store and babysitting Paul



Veteran comedian, Paul Rodriguez, gestures during his Cinco de Mayo set

Shore for not enough money."

Rodriguez grew up in central California working in agriculture fields with his parents. Today, he chairs the board of the California Latino Water Coalition, where he was instrumental in the passage of legislation to ensure safe, clean, reliable drinking water. Rodriguez is now considering running for a seat on the State Legislature. He said, "They've asked me to run before. I only want four years; that's enough time to do some things. If you go any longer, you become a game player. I don't want to do that."

Rodriguez came to Ho-Chunk territory with a heavy heart. While he was here, he certainly lifted the hearts

of those who watched him perform.

Rodriguez's message to Ho-Chunk youth is to remember the sacrifices that your ancestors made for you. He said, "Things used to be harder. Conditions were harder. There wasn't all the opportunity and the money. Now, with the casino, things have improved. They have to remember where they came from." Rodriguez said, "Instill in your kids, confidence. If they don't believe they can succeed, they won't. Teach them to do things they love. The money and success are side effects of doing the things you love doing."



Retha Jones and Paul Rodriguez perform on Cinco de Mayo at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells

hands on our hips, I had to put my hands on my ribs." Now, rather than the weight going to her idea spots, her hips or butt, she said it went right to her stomach. She said, "I wanted Halle Berry, but got Chuck Berry." Jones believes global warming is caused by too many people on earth. She said, "I don't have kids, I'm doing my part for the environment. So I should be able to put my groceries in a plastic bag."

The crowd was electric when Paul Rodriguez took to the stage. Rodriguez performed like the veteran funny man he is. He talked about his childhood, his short military career, his family, and the environment around him. Family was most important, as he lost his mother only a couple days before coming to Wisconsin for the show. Something hard to do for some, but Rodriguez had orders from his late mother. He said, "I told my mama I was going to cancel these two shows (a Pennsylvania and

at sea, here's what happen. A lookout, Juan Rodriguez Bermeo, said, 'You better get us to land before all of us Spanish guys take our frustrations out on you.' So Columbus worked hard and navigated the crew to land quickly." Rodriguez closed the bit by saying, "The brown guys did all the work, and the white guy gets the holiday."

After many laughs throughout the night, the show was followed by a meet and greet with Paul Rodriguez and Retha Jones for photo opportunities with casino guests. It was like being back in kindergarten when the recess bell rings and you wanna be the first one in line; a lot of pushing and shoving to get there.

Rodriguez was born in Culiacan, Mexico to parents of Tarahumara ancestry and is the youngest of twelve children. Tarahumara, or raramuri, are indigenous people to northwestern Mexico known for running great distances for hunting,

Whitetail Crossing recycling initiative

Submitted by
Kevin Gunderson –
Environmental Specialist

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Environmental Health in collaboration with the Department of Business has implemented a new recycling program at the Nation's Whitetail Crossings. The new program focuses on collecting recyclable materials at the pumps where many people like to clean out their vehicles. Many of these items are recyclable and historically go straight into the trash. The Ho-Chunk Nation as a steward to Mother Earth is continuing its efforts to develop more ways to reduce its impact on the environment and preserve its environmental and cultural resources.

The program began by identifying the specific needs of each of the Nation's Whitetail Crossings. This



included current waste services and the number of recycling containers needed at each site. In several cases the Department of Business had to make changes to their current waste services accommodate the changes being implemented at each Whitetail Crossing. It is the hope that the increase in recyclables collected will allow each site to reduce the frequency of garbage collections and the quantity of garbage collected. So when you see the green recycling container sitting at the pump "Do Your Part & We'll Do Ours". Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Celebrating Earth Day

Submitted by
April Schoolcraft – HCN
DNR GIS Specialist

On April 25, the third annual Ho-Chunk Nation Earth Day Celebration was held in the atrium of the Executive Office Building. Over 40 Head Start students from Black River Falls participated in the morning session, and nearly 80 mixed-aged eager learners participated in the afternoon session. Offering opportunity for families to enjoy the celebration together and for those who can't make the morning session, the Open House was held from 3-5:30pm. The afternoon hours were new to the Earth Day Celebration, and seemed to work out well for the

public and students to join us after work and school. Wittenberg's Youth Services even made the trip down to celebrate with us!

The Ho-Chunk Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Health staff hosted a variety learning stations to showcase some exciting views of the natural world. The stations highlighted aspects of wildlife, pond life, forestry, prescribed burning practices, and geography. Guest stations were hosted by UW-Extension/4-H, Woodrow White's organic gardening information, and Dianne Moller of the Hoo's Woods Raptor Center's very popular live bird presentation. The participants had hands-on

opportunities to study small fish and invertebrates, furs, and birds, create leaf art, do a dish soap experiment, learn about green thumb tips, fire tools and prairies, and had a visit from Smokey Bear!

A special thank you to Mr. Gordon Thunder, for the kind lesson about respecting the earth, and our role as caretakers for all that was put here for us and thank you to the TOB Singers also, for greeting and sending the students on their way with a special song and dance! Another thank you to Dianne Mallor, for taking her birds into the Head Starts so the kids could have an opportunity to experience the presentation!



Some students were not sure what to think about Smokey Bear!



Dianne Mallor, of the Hoo's Woods Raptor Center, presents a rough legged hawk to the crowd.



Rep. Estebo shaking hands with Smokey the Bear.



Students examining pond life.

Indian Baptist Church Cemetery clean-up begins

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Ken Whitehorse attends the Indian Baptist Church in Lyndon Station when he's not out fishing. While reading the church's bulletin, Whitehorse read that Jonathon Whitebear's grandson would be cleaning up the church's cemetery to meet his community service requirement to be promoted to Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. Whitehorse, a former Eagle Scout, saw an opportunity to help out the church and a fellow scout.

Ken Whitehorse, owner of Whitehorse Inc., volunteered to remove some of the large trees to aid in the cemetery clean up. He enlisted three of his close friends: Ross Petty, owner of Shade Lovers Tree Service; Frank Tomaszewski; and Lin Brown. Between the three of them, they have over eighty years of tree removal experience. Whitehorse said, "Ross and I have been friends for as long as I can remember. Our fathers were friends." Petty said, "My dad, Everett, and Ken's dad, Walter, used to play down by the Yahara River as children."

The task at hand was to remove some white pine trees from around the Indian Baptist Church cemetery. Ross, who is an arborist knows his trees and made

mention that some of the trees were hollow in the middle making them a hazardous tree. He also said they've done bigger and tougher jobs but said, "This job is unique, with it being a cemetery."

After the trees were knocked down, Whitehorse used his Bobcat to remove the trees. He said, "We've taken great care not to disturb headstones. I asked Ambrose Littlebear (who attended the Indian Baptist Church with his late wife), to say a few words before we moved anything." Littlebear is a veteran and was on hand to help Whitehorse with handling veteran graves.

Ambrose, along with Pastor John W. Davey, sat and watched as the trees were being removed. Pastor Davey said, "I've been with the church for about three years now. Since I've been here, I always wanted to get the cemetery cleaned up. It's good to see it moving forward. I've had some families come to me and ask about cleaning up. I've had some families not want to bury their loved ones here, because it wasn't clean. And I could see their point."

When the preparations were set for the big white pine to come down everyone paused and gathered to take a photo next to it.



Clean-up Crew and Church goers stop for a photo opportunity during cemetery clean up. Front (L-R): Pastor John W. Davey, Eleanor Davey, Ambrose Littlebear. Back row (L-R): Ken Whitehorse, Marion Miner, Lin Brown, Frank Tomaszewski, Ross Petty

The job of cleaning up is not complete. Whitehorse said, "These guys set aside this day to help me. They didn't damage anything. They couldn't get at every tree. We thought it was a couple trees, not forty some. Then there's the job of identifying some of the older grave sites. So there's a lot left to do. We'll take this big tree, prepare it, and return it to the church so they can, maybe, make something out of it."

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Corey M. Kingsley, Petitioner, v. Dannel A. Kingsley, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-27

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Dannel A. Kingsley

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, Jackson County Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Recent Homebuyer Education graduates

Submitted by
Winona Mann - HHCDA

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency held a Homebuyer Education Class on April 23 and 24, 2012 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. The class spent two evenings learning about homeownership.

Our homebuyer Education course prepares buyers to purchase a home safely and affordably. We educate tribal members on obtaining a conventional mortgage. Being a homeowner adds more responsibilities to your life. We try to help to alleviate some of the fears of the home buying process.

HHCDA and NHS of Richland County partner to provide this resource to give tribal members the tools to understand what it means to purchase, own and keep your home.

Upon completion of the Homebuyer Education Class, the tribal member may be eligible for Down Payment Assistance. HHCDA offers a Down Payment Assistance grant and NHS of Richland County, as our partner agency offers a \$2500 0% interest second mortgage loan with no monthly payments, due when the home is sold or if it's no longer the primary residence of the homebuyer.

Although these funds are

not a grant, they reduce the out of pocket costs associated with buying a home and help keep the monthly mortgage payments lower by reducing the amount of interest paid.

Funding from NHSRC is subject to availability and eligibility guidelines. Contact Chelsea Wunnicke at (608) 647-4949 x 301 or Chelsea@nhsrwcw.org for more information.

HHCDA will present the next Homebuyer Education on May 21 and 22, 2012 at the HHCDA Office in Tomah, WI.

Contact Winona Mann for reservations at (608) 374 1245 or Winona.Mann@ho-chunk.com. See you there.



(L-R) Back row: Marlon Whitewing, Alex Montalvo, Curtis Hale, Alexis Thundercloud, James Lincoln Jr. (L-R) Front Row: Michael Greengrass, Melody Greengrass, Karla Greengrass.

The return of the Ho-Chunk Nation Internship Program

Submitted by: Marcus F. Lewis, Higher Education Division Manager

The Education Department is pleased to announce the return of the Ho-Chunk Nation Internship Program (HNIP). The program is designed to allow university and technical college students to gain valuable work experience through internships within various Ho-Chunk Nation departments, programs, and enterprises. Students will learn, firsthand, the structure and operation of Ho-Chunk government in relation to its communities

and individual members.

The HNIP will assist participants with professional development in his or her field(s) of study, as well as require the participants to learn and develop new skills.

The Education Department is accepting applications for summer 2012 internship positions until June 1. The internship will last eight (8) weeks beginning July 9. The HNIP is a paid internship that will allow a Ho-Chunk student to learn more about his or her field of study within the Ho-Chunk Nation. This year's pool of interns will be

limited to ten (10) qualified applicants only.

To qualify, students must be enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a full-time enrolled student of an accredited, non-profit university or technical college the semester immediately preceding the internship experience, and the student must be in good standing with the Ho-Chunk Higher Education Division and with his or her academic institution. No exceptions will be made to these criteria.

To apply, eligible students must submit a letter of

application, which discusses the student's educational history, academic major, both short and long-term career goals, desired placement site (if any), an explanation of how the HNIP will directly benefit the applicant's career goals, and an explanation of how the applicant's internship experience will benefit the Ho-Chunk Nation. In addition to the cover letter, the student must include the most recent official academic transcript, resume or curriculum vitae (CV), and two (2) letters of recommendation from

a non-family member that can describe the applicant's educational or work history.

The deadline for the submission of all materials is June 1, 2012 by 4:30PM. Please submit the completed application materials to marcus.lewis@ho-chunk.com or

Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Division
Attn: Marcus Lewis
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615.

For further information, please call (800) 362-4476 ext. 1294.

Education Board of Directors Vacancy for District II

If interested, please forward a copy of your resume/vitae to Michelle Cloud in the Education Department to Michelle.Cloud@ho-chunk.com, or she can be reached at 715-284-4915.

QUALIFICATIONS

Board members of the Ho-Chunk Nation are dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence. These qualifications apply to the professional activities of all board members wherever they hold meetings. Board members address responsibilities to the Ho-Chunk public, which the profession serves and enriches; to the clients and users of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department services. Members should maintain and advance their knowledge of the Department for which they are board members, respect the department's accomplishments, contribute to its growth and progress, thoughtfully consider the social and environmental impact of their professional decisions and activities, and exercise learned and uncompromised professional judgment.

The Qualification and Personal Characteristics as listed below are those expected for Education Board of Director positions:

1. Strong commitment as a board member
2. Time and employer/employee support necessary to fulfill all duties of the office, including meeting and conference attendance (if requested)
3. Ability to work effectively as a team member
4. Ability to work effectively toward common goals
5. Willingness to represent and promote the Education Department at professional meetings and conferences
6. Have earned a post-secondary degree in an educational related field, preferably a bachelor's degree or higher
7. Experience of at least two years in a professional field relevant to the expertise of tribal education
8. Demonstrated leadership abilities

Personal Characteristics may include:

1. Enthusiasm; board members should seek to raise the standards of excellence, education, training and practice
2. Integrity; board members should pursue their professional activities with honesty and fairness
3. Strong leadership abilities; board members shall recognize and respect the professional contributions of fellow board members, Education Department employees, and the tribal membership.
4. Commitment to excellence; board members must make all decisions in the best interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation and not based upon their own self-interests or the interest of other parties.

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Date May 21 & 22, 2012

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Joe Estebo Memorial Golf Outing

Sunday, June 10, 2012

10:00 am Shotgun Start • \$65 Entry Fee
Includes 18 holes of golf with GPS car, use of the
practice facility and lunch

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Office of General Council Special Announcements

General Council Agency Meeting Postings:

Our **Regular Meeting** is scheduled for 9:00 AM, May 19, 2012.
Location: Holiday Inn 5300 West Touhy Avenue Skokie, IL 60077.
Phone number: 847-679-8900

General Council Meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.
All meetings are open to the public.

General Council Agency is now accepting RFPs for General Council 2012 for the following:

American Legion Proposals: Color Guard and Flag Ceremony
Drum Group

General Council Agency Vacancies:

The GCA has one Agent position in Black River Falls and one Alternate position vacancy in Tomah. Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

General Council Agency News:

The GCA is preparing for General Council 2012 which will be held at Ho-Chunk Casino, Baraboo, WI on September 22nd, 2012.
Please submit resolutions to the GCA Office located in the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI.

The Office of the General Council provides Resolution assistance.
Please submit RFPs to the Office of the General Council PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or by telephone at (715) 284-9343 ext. 1070 or 1075.
We are looking forward to seeing you at General Council 2012

Monthly meeting for Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 for June 2012.

The meeting is the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Legion building, starting at 6:00 pm. Ray Lopez, Commander. If you want to contact him, his numbers are 715-896-3581 or 715-299-3718.

Post 129 members: meeting June 5th first Tuesday of the month.

We would like to have at least two representatives from the Auxiliary, Marine Corps League and the SAL to attend. BRF Memorial Hospital will be attending to give a brief presentation. We also need to discuss the Powwow events and summer fundraising. (Pig Roast in progress)
We need all members to show to have a meeting and volunteer for events.

NOTICE: FDP will have a short month for JUNE 2012, Due to an offsite/all-staff meeting/training (NAFDPIR). We will be re-scheduling our tailgates Tomah and Nekoosa for 6/19, 6/21. Please plan accordingly to be at 1 of 4 tailgate sites on the revised dates or plan to come to the BRF office/warehouse during the first 3 weeks of JUNE 2012. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. FDP-HCN Staff Director-Andrew Rave

JUNE:2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1-Jun OPEN-BRF	2-Jun
3-Jun	4-Jun OPEN-BRF	5-Jun OPEN-BRF	6-Jun DELLS TAILGATE	7-Jun OPEN-BRF	8-Jun OPEN-BRF	9-Jun
10-Jun	11-Jun OPEN-BRF	12-Jun OPEN-BRF	13-Jun WITTENBERG TAILGATE	14-Jun OPEN-BRF	15-Jun OPEN-BRF	16-Jun
17-Jun	18-Jun OPEN-BRF	19-Jun TOMAH TAILGATE	20-Jun OPEN-BRF	21-Jun NEKOOSA TAILGATE	22-Jun OPEN-BRF	23-Jun
24-Jun	25-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	26-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	27-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	28-Jun NAFDPIR CLOSED	29-Jun INVENTORY CLOSED	30-Jun

NOTICE REGULAR TERO COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 19, 2012 (TUESDAY) • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tribal Office Complex – Department of Labor
Conference Room
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nicholas Kedrowski, TERO DIRECTOR 715-284-5877

Wanted - Babysitter

Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Qualifications: Must love children, care for in my home, cooking a must, patient with children and reliable.

Please contact:
Derris and Brianna Funmaker
@ 785-764-0203



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MAY 26, 2012, SATURDAY
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INCLUDES (GREEN FEES, CART, MEAL, SKINS GAME)

District 1 Community Center

Black River Falls

2012 Baseball/ Softball Opening Day



Opening Dates

Rookie Ball 1st game May 25th

Tee-Ball 1st game June 2nd

For more information please contact
District 1 Community Center @ 715-284-0905

HO-CHUNK NATION SHELTER PROVIDERS NEEDED

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Social Services Shelter is open for referrals and emergency housing for those affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We are looking for Shelter providers to assist as needed with day, overnight and weekend coverage at the Shelter. The hours vary from Sunday – Saturday....

Qualifications:

- 18 years old
- Submit Shelter provider application
- Sign service provider contract
- Complete background check (Mandatory)
- Proof of valid driver license/insurance (Mandatory)
- Able to attend free trainings
- Able to shadow Shelter Advocate for 4 hours prior to beginning
- Shelter Provider stipends are available

Any questions please call:

Domestic Violence Program:

Black River Falls- 715-284-2622 x 5101 or x 5135
House of Wellness- 888-552-7889 x5623



Monthly Board Meeting Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HUD)

Thursday, May 24, 2012 • 6:00 PM
HHCDA at Tomah,
corner of Monowau Street & Sime Avenue

Agenda items by noon, May 15, 2012
Contact Board Secretary at Ext. 222
HHCDA (608) 374-1245 Ext. 222
Fax: (608) 374-1251

June Elders Birthdays



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| 1. Diana Hellerud | 18. Eileen Decorah |
| June Whitethunder | James Gonzales |
| Barbara Helgeson | Harold Lewis |
| 2. Betty Conley | Ruth Puent |
| Samuel Garcia | Violet Whitewing |
| John Stephens | 19. Lorenzo Alderman |
| 3. Frieda Decorah | Patrick Mallory |
| 4. Robert La Mere | 20. Alice Eades |
| 5. Sharon Casillas | Mona Garthune |
| Sirena Bartelson | 21. Corina Lonetree |
| 6. Gerald Cleveland | Loretta Patterson |
| 7. Karen Dorow | 22. Alberta Decorah |
| Albert Yellowthunder III | Marie Lewis |
| 8. Elenor Deglar | Joseph Decorah |
| 9. Patricia Youngthunder | 23. George Lewis |
| 10. James MacKinnis | 24. LaVetta Cloud |
| 11. Vera Kingbird | Patricia Whiteman |
| Earl Lemieux | 25. Dallas White |
| 12. Vivian Flitsch | 26. Wilson White Eagle |
| 13. Mary Enright | 27. Annette Powless |
| Nettie Kingsley | 28. Milton Funmaker |
| Rhoda Sennett | 29. Amelia Poulton |
| 14. Mann Falcon | Lawrence Kirkwood |
| Marion Miner | 30. Leila Cameron |
| Rosanne Alberts | Magaret Klonecki |
| 15. Faye White | JoAnn Mann |
| 16. Dane Decorah | Mary Mullen |
| Raymond Lowe | Angeline Decorah |
| 17. Clayton Decora | |

THANK YOU

The Domestic Violence program would like send out our appreciation for the participation in our 3 Sexual Assault awareness walks in the month of April. We had a total of 176 people participate in the walks. They were a wonderful success. Please watch for announcements for our future events because your participation is greatly appreciated!! Again thank you for supporting our efforts.

Respectfully,

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Violence Program

Special thanks for the coordination and donations go to:
Ho-Chunk Child Care program • Family Services Program
Children and Family Services • Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls • Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah

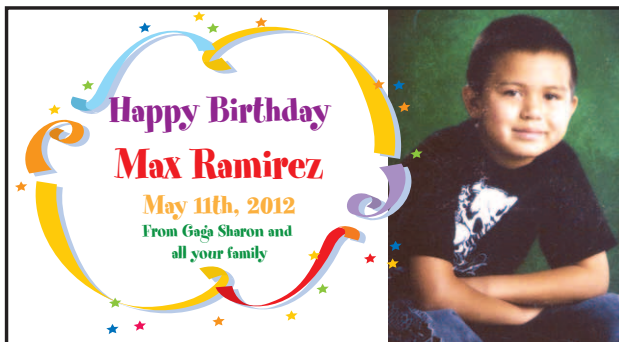


Mitchell Sterling Beard from Portage, WI

was crowned Prom King of the Junior Prom on Friday April 4th, 2012.

Mitchell is on the track team as well as cross country, marching, and jazz band.

His family is very proud of him. **Congratulations Mitchell!**



Happy Birthday
Kim Ramirez
on May 7th
From Gaga Sharon
and all your family...
We love you, BE GOOD!

Granddaughter

In my memory there exists a beautiful young woman
She has a smile that is unforgettable and memorable
As I see her walking I ask the Almighty to keep a watchful eye
As a little girl she was looking to me for understanding and wisdom

I gave her my love in so many ways by just being there when she needed me
most

She would travel with me place to place and every moment was special.
She had a twinkle in her eye and admired her grandparents
These were cherished moments for both of us.

The Little Things we did meant so much to me and I will forever keep

On several occasions we would just take the time to be with each other.

I can recall the first time she called me on the telephone;

She dialed my number with the anticipation that I would answer.

It was such a nice feeling to know that she had loving thoughts of us.

We would take memorable trips to gatherings and their company meant so
much.

We would stop periodically and we cherished those special times.

We understood the true meaning of being loved by beautiful young women.

They would look to us for guidance and encouragement in daily projects.

The love that was given was unconditional and everlasting.

Those cherished memories of our times together can be kept forever.

We have cherished pictures that remind us of our time together.

These memories can never be taken away and will be everlasting.

My granddaughters mean so much to me that I must embrace the memories so
dear;

The experiences that we shared are forever etched in my memory.

Angels will forever take care of them on their journey in life.

Loving and living each moment that we spent together.

Those are the cherished thoughts that I carry with me;

A grandmother's love will forever be

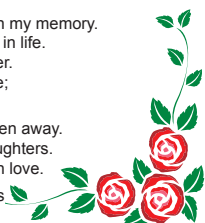
It is a cherished time that can never be erased or taken away.

These are the wishes for you my cherished granddaughters.

Forever from a grandmother who looks upon you with love.

With Loving Thoughts in recognition of Grandmothers

Written by Roberta Decorah



Peanuts and cracker jacks... let's play ball!

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Another baseball season for Ho-Chunks has already begun all across Wisconsin, with some of the finest players coming up through the ranks. A couple years back, Lance Blackdeer wrote an article about the history of Ho-Chunks in baseball. It's great to see all those old time photos and remember how classy those teams were in their day; they played all over and had a blast doing it.

Zach Thundercloud remembers how kids at the Mission had two ball fields that probably rivaled the "Green Monster" at Fenway. He remembers some of the hometown rules too such as, "if someone hit it over gaga's house, it's a homer. If someone hit it by that mean dog on the right side... it's a homer. I know no one was going to mess with that dog," he laughs. "It was great times."

Now Coach Thundercloud wants his team, the Ho-Chunk Bulldogs, and others to learn the skills needed to compete year in and year out. "Baseball is great for building character. We need our kids to

understand the fundamentals," he said.

Thundercloud started early this year with his team. They were already doing drills in March to get their pitchers and catchers up to speed. He has six players returning from last year's championship team who won the Black River Falls City League. He hopes to develop a winning tradition.

He started coaching in 1996 with his own son's team and seen how Ho-chunks can band together to make great teams. "This year we got our sponsorship from the Nation. We really want to thank them for that gift. We now travel and show other towns we can compete. They like how we represent the Nation," he added.

This year marked a first when an old player from the Mission League wanted to sponsor the Bulldogs as well. Joseph Brownthunder called up and said he wanted to help out the team. Zach said the gesture was pretty cool. The team now wears his company's logo on their uniforms. Zach wanted to give a special shout out to those who used to play in



Back row (L-R): Greg Bird, Lael Hall, Zack Thundercloud, Damion Whitegull Sr.
Middle row (L-R): Charles Redbird, Ethan Terry, Greg Whitegull Jr., Isaac Lowe, Anthony Patino, Jeriah Rave Jr.
Front row (L-R): Brandon Nicholas, Damion Whitegull Jr., Elliot Bird, Bryce Terry, Alias Whitegull.

those wicked games at the Mission.

"Now we're even starting to see a lot more girls get into the swing of summer as well," he adds. "More Ho-Chunk parents are wanting to see their kids play on all Native

teams." There have been some Ho-Chunks who made the majors in the past, maybe this is just another page of a great future. To all the players in High School, Pony League, Little League and T-Ball... here we go.

Note: the Hocak Worak wants to hear your stories of your kids. Please post updates and pictures on the Hocak Worak facebook page. Have a great season.

Roadside clean-up detail

Tracy Pecore, Editor

Some may not want to hear the word winter in the beginning of May, especially as the summer season is fast approaching. Many have already started to reserve hotel rooms for the powwow season, purchasing Brewer's tickets, been to the driving range a few times, have bought a new pair of sliding pants because of those extra winter pounds (haha), or have waited for that one weekend to set-up their annual rummage sale.

As of March 20, the spring season was officially here for 2012 but since then we've only had a few good days. Most other days were cold and all of the seeds planted were suffering from freezing temps dropping to the low 30's and only reaching to the high 50's (on a good day). I don't know about you, but I'm glad I didn't put away the winter coats yet.

But, on April 29 as I was making my way through the Pac Cinak community, I slowed down and passed a group of Ho-Chunks with garbage bags in hand. I wasn't sure if they were out taking a stroll and enjoying the scenery because it wasn't too windy or cold that day so I decided to turn around and check them out.

As I whipped a youey, I pulled up next to them with confused looks on their faces. They were probably thinking, "Who is this crazy lady?" That's when I whipped out

my camera and asked if I could snap a picture of their hard-work and dedication to their community.

At approximately high noon is when they started making their way to Shepley Road, picking up trash that others throw out their windows trying to be slick; approximately a two mile stretch they were about to endeavor.

Cici said, "That was the first time we did that but I see youth out there quite often. Sid Whitewing was behind us hauling our bags to the big garbage at the patch. Others would ride by to see how it was going and asked if we needed anything."

One of the little girls said the best part of cleaning up was picking up the cans. Cici also said, "Isabella picked Dandelions instead of trash the whole way. Angelina had a big Separate bag full of cans. Andres was the brave one going way into the ditch and grabbed what we couldn't. It was fun the kids had fun and we would do it again!"

Good thing no one had any woodticks stuck on them or saw any snakes, but they did see some baby turtles in the swampy area on townline. Low and behold, three and a half hours later, they had dirty hands, sweaty pits, and five bags of trash.

Great job Wittenberg crew and thanks for helping to keep our Ho-Chunk lands clean!



Wittenberg community members (Cici Bigjohn, Isabella Antone, Stella Decorah, Stellina Decorah, Rhea Sanchez, Angelina Sanchez, Andres Sanchez, and Alianna Sanchez), help make the roadsides looking fresh and clean again.

Chess Club

Date: 5/29/12, Tuesday
Time: 6:00pm —9pm



Contact Derris or Melissa
at 715-284-0905

District One Community Center
District One Community Center is sponsoring a Chess Club on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 starting at 6PM.

Must be 18 and Older.
\$10.00 Entry fee and Winner takes all.